

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 27th February 1963.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, Madras, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN) in the Chair.

I.—OBITUARY REFERENCES.

MR. SPEAKER : It is my painful duty to inform the House about the death on 22nd February 1963 at Madras of Sri A. S. Subbaraj, representing Bodinayakanoor constituency. He was representing the same constituency from 1952 onwards. He was a planter and an agriculturist and President of the Cardamom Planters' Association of South India. He was also connected with several co-operative and educational institutions. He had also extensively toured United Kingdom and other European countries.

It is also my painful duty to inform the House of the sad demise of Sri P. Palani Pillai representing Tiruvannamalai constituency. He was Chairman, Municipal Council, and member of the Senate and was a sitting councillor of the Tiruvannamalai Municipal Council.

On behalf of the House I will convey the condolence to the bereaved families. I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of expressing our sorrow at the death of two sitting members of our Assembly and showing our respect to the departed souls.

The Members then stood in silence for a minute.

MR. SPEAKER : As a mark of respect to the deceased Members, I adjourn the House till 11-30 a.m.

The House then adjourned and reassembled at 11-30 a.m.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Indicators of Development (Madras State)

* 73 Q.—SRI SAW. GANESAN (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Planning Commission has called for indicators of development for the State and specially for backward regions, as at the end of 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63;

(b) whether a report has been sent; and

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(c) if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) Particulars relating to some of the indicators for the State as a whole for the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 have been furnished to the Planning Commission. The question of identifying the backward pockets in this State and collection of data for the above pockets is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise as no final report has been sent to the Planning Commission.

Backward areas

* 74 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the State Government have received from the Union Government any representation regarding the backward areas in the Madras State and the remarks offered by the State Government on the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No. A copy of the representation referred to by the hon. Member regarding the backward areas in the Madras State has, however, been obtained from the Government of India. The Planning Commission has proposed to consider the suggestions made in the above representation in connection with the general question of development of specially backward areas in the country.

திரு. எம். டி. தியாகராஜ பிள்ளை : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, பிறப்பட்ட பகுதிகளுக்கு மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்தோ அல்லது திட்டக் கமிஷனிடமிருந்தோ எந்தெந்த வகையில் உதவி செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : இதைப்பற்றி தனியாக கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

High School Students (Fee-concessions)

* 75 Q.—SRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of students studying in the high schools as on March 1962; and

(b) the number of students among them enjoying fee-concessions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 730,107.

(b) 554,289.

திரு. எஸ். மாதவன் : கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, இவ்வாறு சலுகைகள் கொடுத்திருப்பது அவ்வளவு அதிகமாக இல்லை. இன்னும் அதிகப்படியான சலுகைகளை அளிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.